

# Los Altos Hills Public Education Committee

An Interim Report

4/15/04



Thanks to the Council  
for creating the Public Education Committee  
and supporting...

- the future of our children's education
- increased sense of community
- the voters of Los Altos Hills



# The Town wants the Council to Act

- 429 surveys received
- 79% want a neighborhood school
- 75% feel that the Council needs to lead the effort



# The Town wants the Council to Act

- Interest in returning neighborhood schools is town-wide :
  - 82% of LASD parents
  - 62% of PAUSD parents
  - 66% of people with no kids in school
  - 87% of parents with kids in private schools



# Our Greatest Fear...

*LASD will preempt LAH*

- Lease Bullis site for 3+ years
- Another private school in the Hills!
- Remove Bullis as a public school option



# The Council needs to take immediate action!

- Proactive attempt to forestall LASD preemptive tactics
- Fund an Ed Code-savvy attorney
- Draft council letters to all school districts



# Forestalling further LASD action

- Advise LASD of Town's opposition to removing the Bullis site from LAH's public education options
- Advise possible Bullis lessees that LAH opposes any private school or quasi-school on the site.
- Make appropriate negative findings



# An Ed Code-savvy attorney is needed NOW!

- Council approval of \$7,500 to fund effort
- Assess LAH public education options:
  - Reallocation of territory between districts
  - Charter school
  - LAH school district...
- Advise on the best course of action





# Council letters to school districts

- Explain PEC goals and survey results
- Request district support of PEC efforts
  - Fact-finding demographic & economic parameters
  - Develop possible redistricting scenarios



# What is next for the PEC?

- Fact-finding meetings with the districts
- Propose a map that best represents our multiple-neighborhood interests
- Draft a document addressing the 9 redistricting criteria

